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John Somerville, philosopher and playwright, is a creative pioneer in peace education and UNESCO's international peace projects, in three of which he has been author-participant. The Institute for World Order, in awarding him a 1981 Peace Prize, noted that his work already had been praised by "some of the foremost figures of our time." After reading Somerville's earlier book on world peace, The Philosophy of Peace, Albert Einstein wrote him: "It is not only a careful analysis of the relevant moral and historical factors, but a sign of remarkable independence and courage. If your work should find the attention in this country it merits, it would counteract effectively the present state of hysterical fear and would lead to a more sane and constructive political attitude." The Institute's citation adds: "Professor Somerville is co-founder and American President of the Union of American and Japanese Professionals Against Nuclear Omnicide. It was Somerville who coined the word and developed the concept of 'omnicide' in relation to nuclear warfare. His documentary play, The Crisis: True Story About How the World Almost Ended, has been produced in Japan and Sweden. Of his ten books, many have been widely translated."

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"Extremely well written." Peace Research

"The obvious product of mature scholarship." Perspective

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"Everyone who wants to survive ought to read and heed it." Science and Society

Somerville's Soviet Marxism and Nuclear War, recently published, supplies the "missing link" in American peace efforts -- a first-hand in-depth examination of Soviet policy concerning nuclear war. Drawing on the Proceedings of the Special Colloquium that Somerville chaired at the XVth World Congress of Philosophy, this book presents the first open debate on nuclear war ever held among leading Marxists. The Vice-President of the USSR Academy of Sciences, Professor P. N. Fedoseyev, leads the Soviet speakers and replies fully to all the searching questions put by experts from the United States, Poland, Japan, India, Canada, East Germany, Mexico, and to those subsequently put by Somerville in detailed correspondence printed in full. No other source provides documented data of like significance for dealing with the most dangerous problem ever to confront the human race.

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